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SUBJECT: AFL/CIO INVITATION TO EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS

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1. DURING JULY 22 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, NVV PRESIDENT, WIM KOK, ASKED IF WE AWARE OF MEANY INVITATION TO EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONISTS. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF INVITATIONS, BUT HAD NO OTHER INFO.

2. KOK SAID SUBJECT HAD COME UP JULY 21 IN MEETING OF HIS EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND THAT HE WOULD BE REPLYING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: NVV FAVORS SUCH A MEETING IN PRINCIPLE; DUTCH FEDERATION, HOWEVER, QUESTIONS TIMING; MEETING ON HEELS OF ICFTU CONGRESS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS PUTTING PRESSURE ON CONGRESS; NVV WILL WANT COORDINATE WITH OTHER EUROPEAN FEDERATIONS BEFORE TAKING FINAL DECISION.

3. KOK REITERATED POSITION HE HAS EXPRESSED TO US IN PAST THAT HE BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT REESTABLISH EUROPEAN TIES WITH AFL/CIO. HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR A FY-76 IVP GRANT, AND HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM HIS BOARD TO VISIT U.S. FOR 30 DAYS IN APRIL-MAY 1976. MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WILL BE TO HAVE EXCHANGES WITH U.S. LABOR LEADERS.

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